IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of

: IMPROVEMENTS IN WHEELED

: LUGGAGE AND ASSOCIATED DEVICES

PAOLO M.B. TIRAMANI ET AL.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC 600 Grant Street, 44th Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15219 May 4, 2001

Assistant Commissioner For Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

ATTN.: BOX NEW APPLICATION

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-33 and Claims 46-47.

REMARKS

Please enter the above amendments. The Claims now currently pending in this Application are Claims 34-39 and 40-45.

Respectfully submitted,

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